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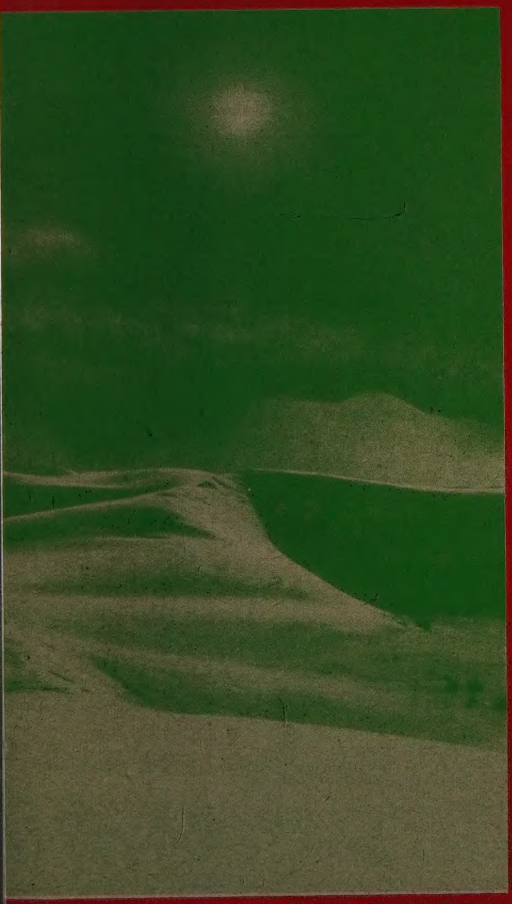

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The wilderness and the solitary plae shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice; and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

—Isaiah 35:1-2

See "God's Christmas Garden" on the editor's page.

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Hobby Hour

By ARTHUR A. CASSELL

developed from a woman's question

A GROUP of intermediate boys
d girls were gathered around tables
ewn with bits of wood and cloth,
d one of the youngsters held up a
ghtly painted Mexican peon seat-
on a donkey, for my inspection.
e intermediate was painting a
ead tray, another weaving a basket.
Every other Saturday afternoon 65
ildren gather in a well-lighted
om in the weekday church school
ilding to learn how to make plastic
wers, tooled-leather handbags, col-
ful baskets woven from rattan and
eet grass, wall plaques, and many
ier woven or carved articles and
jects of handicraft. Some of the
ore experienced hobbyists worked
r a long time building a carved oak
ar for the beginners' department.

A Brotherhood Project

THE HOBBY HOUR at St. John's
theran Church, Allentown, Pa., the
ev. W. C. Schaeffer, pastor, is spon-
red by the Brotherhood, and is di-
cted by Mr. Walter Wallander,
easurer of the men's group. Assist-
g him are members of the Brother-
od, and Mrs. Wallander and women
the congregation and teachers in
e weekday and Sunday schools.

The Hobby Hour is the outgrowth of this question asked a member of the Brotherhood by a woman of the congregation during an every-member visitation: "What is the congregation's program for intermediate girls?"

The man was not sure about a program for girls, so he brought up the matter at a subsequent meeting of the Brotherhood. The men's group came to the logical conclusion that since they were sponsoring the boy scout troop and a basketball team for boys, they should sponsor a program for girls also. A committee was appointed to formulate a suitable program, with Mr. Wallander as chairman, and he developed the Hobby Hour, starting with one hour a week at home.

Enthusiasm Grows

THE ONLY trouble so far is that the boys refuse to consider the Hobby Hour as a strictly feminine program, and they want to make things with plastics, too. Then the girls look longingly at the jig saws, carving tools, and paint brushes, and you can guess the rest.

ST. JOHN'S HOBBY CLUB

"It fits together like this," Miss McClain tells a pupil in the plastic art group.

The Hobby Hour quickly outgrew Mr. Wallander's home workshop, and the Brotherhood had to find larger quarters. Larger quarters meant that more boys and girls could participate, and they did. Some parents tagged along, too.

A sewing machine and more j saws were added.

"Help Wanted" is a sign that w painted for Mr. Wallander to ha on the door, where you can see almost any Saturday afternoon.

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CHANGE OF OFFICERS

This is the time of the year when many of our Brotherhoods are selecting new officers. We would ask that you notify us of any changes. Much time and postage is wasted when we send our statements to secretaries who have been replaced. Very often, these men neglect to turn over our correspondence to their successors, resulting in laxity of handling accounts, and the eventual loss of LUTHERAN MEN subscriptions.

PARENTS WITHOUT HONOR

HEARD in a schoolroom in the eastern zone of Germany during a quiz period after a lecture on Communist ideology.

Teacher: Hans, who is your father?

Pupil: The great Stalin is my father.

Teacher: Good. Who is your mother?

Pupil: The broad Soviet Union, the homeland of all workers, is my mother.

Teacher: Excellent! And what would you like to be?

Pupil: An orphan!

wo Years of Progress

y RALPH J. WOHLSEN

The president's report (condensed) to the Cedar Rapids convention

MOST OF THE brethren that are sent have been kept fairly well in- ned concerning the conditions and vities of the Brotherhood during past biennium, through the bi- nthly news letters prepared and led to every known congregation- mens' organization in our Church your president's office at intervals roximating every nine weeks.

feel it very important that I uld take this opportunity to in- m you of the constant vigilance of administrative committee during administration in working out ry administrative problem of the anization. I want to thank this mmittee for their sincerity and de- dability.

THIS REPORT SHOULD be the t report of any officer to the otherhood conventions in which the rd "deficit" should have to appear. is one of the happiest moments in life to inform the Brotherhood of United Lutheran Church in Amer- that the much-discussed deficit of ny years' standing has been paid in full. Your Brotherhood, as of s moment, is not only free from lebtedness but has a small credit lance in the bank.

Our concerns of indebtedness are w behind us. We must concentrate our every prayer and effort on build- ing the Brotherhood in numbers and in the spirit of its every member to build Christ's earthly Kingdom. Never before has this Brotherhood been in so favorable a condition as to be of inestimable value to the Church. We have a challenge—I am sure we will accept it.

EARLY IN THIS administration, the administrative committee invited the Rev. C. Franklin Koch to one of its meetings to suggest to the Brother- hood how we could assist the Board of Social Missions in its program of evangelism.

Several months later we invited the Rev. Gould Wickey, executive secre- tary of the Board of Education, who outlined a plan of co-operation for the Brotherhood in the Church's pro- gram for Christian Higher Education Year.

The Brotherhood likewise continues its co-operation in Lutheran World Action.

DURING THE PAST biennium, the New York synodical Brotherhood has been totally reorganized under a constitution that conforms with the usual synodical Brotherhood consti- tutions. Just recently the New York

conference, which comprises Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester county and adjoining territory has for the first time organized a conference Brotherhood. Negotiations have been started for the purpose of organizing a synodical Brotherhood in the newly organized New Jersey Synod.

Canada has also shown considerable growth; in fact the growth has been church-wide from Canada to Texas and from New England to California.

WE HAVE BEEN able to make a new contract for the printing of *Lutheran Men* at a considerable saving, and *Lutheran Men* has thus become absolutely self-sustaining and gives every promise of remaining self-supporting. A new cover was designed by artists through the courtesy of Brother William C. Neu of Stanford, Conn., who also contributed the plates, for which we are thankful.

I ALSO WISH to acknowledge with extreme thanks the very able services that have been rendered to *Lutheran Men* by its former editor, the Rev. Amos John Traver, who requested, because of his already overtaxed program of activities in the Church, that he be relieved of the editorship.

Starting with this convention, the Rev. Joseph B. Mohr of Brooklyn, N.Y., will assume the duties of editor.

Under the executive secretary as director of boy scouting, and Dr. George Eichler as chairman of the Boy Scout committee, scouting continues to grow in our Church.

The Brotherhood continues its affiliation with the American Fede tion of Lutheran Brotherhoods and active in its every program to ass in bringing about the unity of Lutheran bodies.

I AM GRATEFUL to our Father heaven for the courage, the streng the guidance, the understanding a the health that have enabled me carry on through these past two yea as your president. I am also grate for the assistance given me by fellow officers and the officers of t United Lutheran Church in Ameri its synods and conferences as well the local pastors for their counsel a assistance in promoting this impo ant work.

I recommend that this conventi adopt the program of congregation evangelism, in co-operation with t Board of Social Missions This p gram embodies nearly all of the objectives of the Brotherhood, a affords us the opportunity of definite program.

I also recommend that the pre dent be authorized to appoint a co mittee to study the possibility of s ting up some method by which a su scription to *Lutheran Men* could included in the annual dues of eac individual member, and report the findings back to the 1952 Brothe hood convention.

(Editor's note: These recommend tions were adopted.)

I further recommend that th executive committee be given th power to declare any elective offic vacant if the elected holder of t

(*continued on page* 27)

executive secretary presents

A Survey of The Past Biennium

By EARLE W. BADER

condensed from his Cedar Rapids report

I AM MOVED by gratitude for part I have been permitted to y in the Brotherhood in the past years, during which I served 16 rs as executive secretary.

The Brotherhood made unprendented gains in numerical ength and financial support since r last convention. We organized 2 new congregational brotherods. The Georgia-Alabama, West rginia and New York synodical otherhoods submitted new constiions which were approved by ur executive committee.

On Jan. 1, 1950, there were 2624 n's groups, with 68,373 members. this number, 594 active brotherods remitted $14,742 in ULCA embership dues.

More than 750 synodical and conence brotherhood leaders have en developed and are actively enged in promoting the Brotherhood ogram in all sections of the urch.

Our literature was improved. New erature has constantly appeared, til now we have 20 items of freshprinted leaflets and tracts. The d statistical and membership anks have been revised and reinted in an up-to-date style.

IT IS SCARCELY necessary to report the improvements in *Lutheran Men.* A redesigned front cover in color was introduced and the improved type face makes *Lutheran Men* more readable. A better class of advertising lends dignity to the magazine, and also provides additional revenue.

Each synodical brotherhood should appoint a *Lutheran Men* reporter to furnish live news stories about brotherhood activities.

The Rev. Arthur H. Getz has represented the Brotherhood on the inter-Lutheran brotherhood topic committee. His counsel guided the committee in the selection of outstanding writers to prepare the monthly topic material. The topics for 1951 will not be so lengthy as in the past.

A word of appreciation must be extended to the Rev. Amos J. Traver, who successfully edited *Lutheran Men* for 12 years. Under his editorship, our magazine attained undisputed leadership in the field of laymen's religious publications.

CO-OPERATION WITH the ULC boards and agencies has been extended and enlarged. The Parish and Church School Board's "Parish Education Month" was promoted through

Lutheran Men. The Board of Education's CHEY appeal received priority in our publicity since the last convention.

The Lutheran World Action appeal received generous space in *Lutheran Men.* Many of our synodical and conference meetings included LWA speakers on their programs and a number of our brotherhood members took the lead in buying projectors to exhibit LWA films and slides to our congregations.

We were happy to help the Board of Foreign Missions arrange speaking appointments at brotherhood meetings in the California, Pacific, Northwest and Illinois synods during September, 1950, for Mr. Kiyoshi Yamada, Kobe, Japan.

THE THIRD SUNDAY in October will be observed as Brotherhood Sunday in all the bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods. A 32nd anniversary packet was mailed to every key leader, and you are urged to write to Brotherhood headquarters, Bethlehem, Pa., for sufficient envelopes to receive a special offering at the anniversary services.

The 40th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America was observed this summer with a gigantic jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.

We have just completed our biennial census of boy scout units in our ULC congregations. This survey can be considered almost 100 per cent accurate, since the returns were computed from 530 replies in response to 534 questionnaires mailed to scout executives throughout the USA. [illegible] survey reveals: As of Sept. 1, 19[illegible] there were 701 ULC boy scout tro[illegible] 267 cub packs, 106 explorers an[illegible] miscellaneous units—a total of [illegible] boy scout units sponsored by [illegible] congregations. Of 1934 ULC sc[illegible] who registered for the *Pro De[illegible] Patria* award, 431 have already [illegible] ceived the citation and medal.

A word of grateful acknowle[illegible] ment to our ULC boy scout chairm[illegible] Dr. George A. Eichler, for his c[illegible] sel and leadership.

Mr. S. H. Holstad, Minneap[illegible] Minn., the National Lutheran s[illegible] director, serves as the clearing ho[illegible] for scouting activities in all the L[illegible] eran bodies affiliated with the [illegible] t onal Lutheran Council. Mr. Hols[illegible] deserves hearty thanks for his effo[illegible] in supplying boy scout literature a[illegible] handling the *Pro Deo et Patria* [illegible] plications for our ULC pastors a[illegible] laymen.

MY HEARTY THANKS go [illegible] President Wohlsen for his dynam[illegible] leadership, and to the other offic[illegible] for their faithful attendance at t[illegible] many meetings held since the l[illegible] convention.

I offer the following recommend[illegible] tions for the consideration of th[illegible] convention:

1. That we pledge our continu[illegible] efforts to promote CHEY until ev[illegible] congregation in the ULCA has ma[illegible] an honest effort to reach its quota.

2. That we reaffirm our Lou[illegible] ville convention resolution to ma[illegible] "Lutheran World Action Our Acti[illegible] Now!"

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

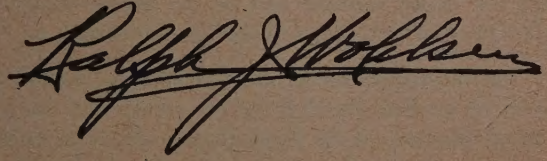
Dear Brothers:

A most sincere wish for a very happy Christmas Season to you all.

May this Christmas Season, coming as it does when the whole world is in a turmoil, cause us all to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, that he may dwell within us, guide and direct us in a Godly life throughout the remainder of our lives.

Further, that we remain humble in his sight, yet self-conscious of our duties to witness for him at all times, in all places and under all conditions.

Again, Merry Christmas!



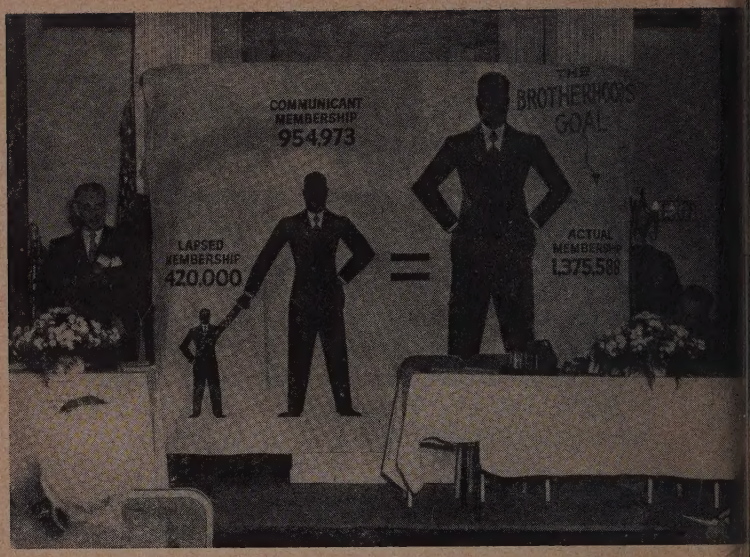
. That we call upon our brotherds to be active in the every-memvisitation program, to urge their nbers to practice Christian stewship.

. That we endorse the holding of odical and conference brotherhood eats to deepen the spiritual lives heir members.

. That we recommend the obance of an annual Brotherhood Sunday service in every ULCA congregation.

6. That we recommend the observance of an annual Boy Scout Sunday in every ULCA congregation, with the uniformed boy scouts in attendance, on the day in February to be selected by the Boy Scouts in America.

(These recommendations were adopted.)



"WE MUST GET THE LITTLE FELLOW"

The Rev. Royal E. Lesher explains his evangelism chart at the Cedar Rapids convention

WINNING OTHERS to Christ (see this issue's topic for January) and reclaiming the lapsed member will be the Brotherhood's way of supporting Church's new year-round evangelism program.

The starting-gun for an intensive effort to reclaim the lapsed members fired by the Rev. Royal E. Lesher, director of evangelism for the Board Social Missions, at the Brotherhood convention in Cedar Rapids. The communicant membership of the ULC, plus the lapsed membership, equals potential strength of our Church, explained the Rev. R. Lesher. One-third our people must be reactivated.

President Ralph J. Wohlsen called the Brotherhood to action when, fellowship luncheon after the close of the convention, he outlined the meth the Brotherhood would follow in supporting the Church's evangelism gram. District workshops, said he, would be set up throughout the Un States and Canada, and these workshops would be strategic centers where program could be studied and put into effect. President Wohlsen also enlis workers to be in charge of these workshops.

The men at the convention unanimously and enthusiastically expressed th eagerness to support the Church's evangelism effort.

CAMP NAWAKWA RETREAT
Saturday evening Session.

E FOURTH ANNUAL

eat for Lutheran men under the pices of the Maryland synodical therhood was held on Saturday Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, at Camp wakwa, near Gettysburg, Pa. Adsses were made by Mr. John aver of the Lutheran Laymen's vement; the Hon. James F. Henger, president judge of the Lehigh nty courts, Allentown, Pa., and Merwyn Fuss, Taneytown, Md., t president of the Maryland therhood. The retreat was attendby 108 men. Camp Nawakwa was nimously selected as the retreat ation for next year.

REE NEW BROTHERHOODS

e received at the convention of Lutheran Brotherhood, Midwest od, this fall, in Trinity Church, illion, Nebr., the Rev. Werner lchert, pastor. Approximately 150 delegates and visitors attended the two-day sessions. Among the speakers were Pastor Welchert; the Rev. Robert Shirck, Bennington, Nebr.; Mr. Lester Lutz, Papillion, Nebr.; the Hon. Carl Stamm, mayor of Papillion; Mr. John Rasmussen, Fontanelle, Nebr.; the outgoing president, the Rev. L. J. Wolff, president of the Midwest Synod, Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. R. E. Morton, president of Dana College, Blair, Nebr.; the Rev. Alvin Petersen, student pastor at Nebraska University, and the Rev. William Goldbeck, chaplain for institutions in Nebraska.

"AVENUES WHEREBY

the Inter-Synodical Lutheran Brotherhoods might better serve the Church" was the subject of a panel discussion at the fall rally of the Inter-Synodical Brotherhoods, in Our

Savior's Church, Omaha, Nebr., Sept. 28. Messrs. Carl Lof, A. C. Nodean, Fred Boien, T. H. Donelson, and William F. Kedde were selected to serve on a committee to formulate plans for putting into effect suggestions presented in the panel discussion. Suggestions were: 1. Rehabilitation of inmates leaving a penal institution. 2. Work at county and local institutions. 3. Preventive work through the use of hobbies. 4. Preventive work through organizations such as the YMCA and the Boy Scouts. 5. Distribution of Scriptures in hospitals and institutions. 6. Vigilance over our political and religious freedoms.

DR. HARRY M. ORTH

gave an address on "Man Scouting" at the fall rally of the brotherhoods in the Philadelphia Conference, in St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. Clifford E. Hays, pastor. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Harold L. Oberholtzer, president of the conference Brotherhood.

THE BROTHERHOOD

of Ascension Church, Lancaster, Pa., with 25 active members, is sponsoring, among other projects, a new Boy Scout Troop, No. 2. Chartered on May 30, the new troop is encouragingly active, and now has 43 members, including 21 cubs.

"DOES LUTHERAN

Brotherhood Work?" is the title of a pamphlet published by the Philadelphia, Pa., Conference Brotherhood. The tract outlines the operation and objectives of brotherhood work on the national and local levels, and is being widely distributed.

EVERY OFFICER

of the Philadelphia Brotherhood h pledged himself to make at least visit to each brotherhood in his ar according to Mr. Emil Scholtz, ch man of the extension commit These men will not solicit or anything; they will simply make friendly visit.

THE FIRST

of the $300 scholarships to be awa ed annually to Lutheran coll students throughout the United St by the Lutheran Brotherhood Life surance Society was presented on 26 at Capital University, Columb Ohio, as part of the 100th anniv sary celebration of the school. Sim presentations will be made at oth Lutheran four-year colleges. A c mittee at each school will choose pients of the award on the basis such qualities as religious leader and scholastic standing.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Earle W. Bader made the princi address at the Brotherhood anni sary service on Oct. 22 in St. Lu Church, Allentown, Pa., the R William L. Katz, pastor.

THE 10th ANNUAL

convention of the Iowa Brotherh was held on Oct. 22 in St. Joh English Church, Council Bluffs, Io President Rodney Berger presidi The evening fellowship banquet tured as principal speaker Dr. Bryan Keisler, president of Cent Seminary, Fremont, Nebr. Greetin from the synodical Brotherhood w extended by the Hon. Einer P. J mayor of Council Bluffs, and fr

ULC Brotherhood by Mr. William Kedde, Omaha, Nebr.

E BROTHERHOOD

the Ministerium of Pennsylvania d its annual convention on Nov. 11 St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,

UR ATTENDANCE

a small congregaton was excep- nally high," said Mr. R. P. Schall, sident of Holy Comforter Brother- od, Washington, D.C., reporting annual Brotherhood Sunday ser- e, on Oct. 15. "We planned our gram in such a way that it would peal to entire families." A religious n, "Walking With God," was wn.

OW TO BRING

Younger Man" was the subject of anel discussion held by the Wash- ton, D. C., district Brotherhood, the Lutheran Church of the Atone- nt, Oct. 25. Panel speakers were Rev. Howard F. Reisz, director of ristian education and youth work, ryland Synod; the Rev. C. W. renkek, Lutheran student pas- , Maryland University; the Rev. vid Bremer, ULC Board of Chris- n Education.

E 20th ANNIVERSARY

the Danville Conference Brother- od of the Ministerium of Pennsyl- nia was held in Trinity Church, nville, Pa., Nov. 10. The speaker s the Rev. Robert Newmeyer, Wil- msport, Pa., and special music was g by a girls' choir of 35 voices.

MEN'S RETREAT

the 20th annual convention of the st Virginia synodical Brotherhood was held in the state 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mills, Oct. 21 and 22. Addresses on "Stewardship" and on "Evangelism" were made by Mr. Zeb B. Trexler, associate stewardship secretary of the ULC, and the Rev. P. J. Dexnis, associate director of evangelism of the ULC.

ST. MARK'S

Brotherhood, Baltimore, Md., applied for membership in the ULC Brotherhood in October. This new group has 10 members, with Mr. Stanley A. Woolston as president.

BOY SCOUT

Cub Pack, No. 174, was chartered on Oct. 15 in Trinity Church, Taneytown, Md. Mr. Sterling Fritz is chairman of the troop committee.

A QUARTERLY

rally for Lutheran men, sponsored by the Allentown Conference Brotherhood, was held Oct. 29 in Union Lutheran Church, Neffs, Pa., the Rev. Willard G. Weida, pastor. An address on "Martin Luther" was made by Professor Ephraim Everett, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Elias Spangler is president of the conference men's group.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR CASSELL

of St. John's Brotherhood, Allentown, Pa., reported that a Boy Scout Explorer Troop, No. 17, has been organized recently.

A TALK ON

"Television and the Modern Beanstalk" was made before the Brotherhood of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., the Rev. J. R. Brokhoff, pastor, by Mr. Marcus Bartlett, program director for the WSB-TV and

director of musc in Haygood Memorial Methodist Church. Under the inspiring leadership of Messrs. Herman Boozer and Carl Schroenberger, this men's group has taken on new life and doubled its attendance. Every man of the Church of the Redeemer is automatically a member of the Brotherhood.

P. O. BERSELL,

president of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., was the principal speaker at a Reformation festival on Oct. 31 in Technical High School, Omaha, Nebr., under the auspices of the Inter-Synodical Lutheran Brotherhood of Omaha and vicinity.

A STEWARDSHIP

workshop of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland was held on Nov. 4 and 5 in Francis Scott Hotel, Frederick, Md. "Stewardship—the Christian Philosophy of Life" was discussed by Dr. Raymond J. Seeger. "A Realistic View of the Synod and its Potential" was presented from (1) the president's point of view, by Dr. J. Frank Fife, (2) the treasurer's viewpoint, by Mr. Virgil Doub, and (3) the layman's viewpoint, by Mr. Merwyn C. Fuss. Tithing and the fifty-fifty budget were also discussed.

DR. PAUL C. EMPIE,

executive director of the National Lutheran Council, and Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, spoke at the second annual laymen's retreat sponsored by the Pittsburgh Synod in Livingston Hall, Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

THE FALL

convention and dinner of the Weste Conference Brotherhood of the N York Synod was held on Oct. 28 Resurrection Church, Buffalo, N. The Rev. Gilbert Oldsen, pastor St. Paul's Church, Batavia, N. spoke on "The Church's Hour."

THE THIRD

annual convention of the Brotherho of the Wilkes-Barre Conference of Ministerium of Pennsylvania held on Oct. 17 in St. John's Chur East Mauch Chunk, Pa., the Re William J. Leifeld, pastor. The Re Adam Polcrack, pastor of St. Pau Church, Port Carbon, Pa., was preacher at the vesper service.

THE 33rd

annual convention of the Nebras Synodical Brotherhood was held Grace Church, Omaha, on Oct. Principal speakers were the Rev. J. Goede, pastor of Grace Churc Mr. Earl H. Schroer, principal Benson High school; the Rev. Dr. Bryan Keisler, president of Centr Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska.

THE REV. ARTHUR CHATTEN,

superintendent of Institutional Mi sions of the Ministerium of Pennsy vania, spoke at the 38th semi-annu rally of the Brotherhood of the No ristown Conference in St. Luke Church, Dublin, Pa., on Nov. 14.

MR. H. E. ISENHOUR,

Salisbury, N. C., assisted the men St. David's Church, Kannapolis, C., in organizing a Brotherhood th fall. Mr. J. W. Hide was elected pres dent of the new men's group.

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Message From Headquarters

By EARLE W. BADER

The Greatest Love Story

NINETEEN HUNDRED years ago, God poured out the fullness of his infinite burning love in Jesus Christ. On that love his Church and the Lutheran Brotherhood have been built.

The nativity of Jesus ushered a new spirit into the world. Like the glow of a beacon light, the warming rays of his love have penetrated the hearts and enkindled the souls of countless generations of believers.

The shepherd's on Judea's plain caught the strains of his love in the angelic choir, and the dream of the ages was fulfilled as they followed his star in the East.

Like the Wise Men of old, we too can find the babe in the manger. Here, unfolded before our view, is the greatest love story of all time—a love deep and overpowering—of a heavenly Father who gave his only begotten son as a saviour to a sinful world. But let us bring him our gifts, as well as our praise and adoration.

AS MEN of the Brotherhood, let us remember the promise made at our Cedar Rapids convention, and pledge ourselves anew, to witness to his love through our program of evangelism. To be successful evangelists we must be filled with a new spirit of brotherly love, of kindness, of gentleness, of forgiveness, of service and of sacrifice.

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The Ideal Christmas Gift!

A reminder that Christmas is only a few weeks away, brings up the annual problem of selecting suitable gifts for your pastor or brotherhood friends. While you are trying to decide what gifts to give, may we respectfully suggest a few priceless but inexpensive year-round gifts such as the Holy Bible, Common Service Book or a subscription to *THE LUTHERAN* or *LUTHERAN MEN*.

The arrival of a weekly or monthly church publication will be a constant reminder to your Christian friends of your thoughtfulness and good judgment in giving a gift that lasts. Your public library and hospitals should also have *THE LUTHERAN* and *LUTHERAN MEN* on their reading tables.

Let's give them *LUTHERAN MEN* this Christmas. Your gift subscription will serve a two-fold pur-

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BOY SCOUTS

By GEORGE A. EICHLER

SCOUTING TAKES YOU and the boy right out into nature. That is, if your troop is practicing the right kind of scouting. You get near to the earth and near to God. You get your feet on the ground—a valuable experience to many men and boys whose feet touch only paved streets and sidewalks in our towns and cities.

All too few people have the opportunity to be near and commune with nature in this mechanical age. To see at close range and meditate upon the beauties of nature is good for body, mind, and spirit. To realize the great wealth of natural resources which the Almighty has stored in nature for the use of man should make us grateful beyond measure. To see and study wild life in its natural habitat is something which can bring great pleasure to those whose minds and hearts are attuned to the wild creatures of nature. Shakespeare said:

Books in the running brooks
Sermons in stones
And God in everything.

There is a balance in na which if disturbed by man lead trouble. Man has often violated laws of nature and as a result have floods, fire, erosion, famine.

It is good to go into nature enjoy her beauty, and to learn obey her laws. Good scouting cludes all this. Question: When your troop last take a nature hi

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Pro Deo Et Patria Award

SOME OF OUR pastors scouters are evidently confu about the *God and Country* aw This award is intended to be gi by the Protestant scouting com tee to all Protestant Boy Sc other than Lutherans.

The *Pro Deo et Patria* award given only to Lutheran sc through the Lutheran committee scouting. Applications for t award can be obtained by writing the U.L.C.A. Boy Scout commit Market and New Streets, Bethleh Pa.

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OFF TO JAPAN

A THOUSAND high school students from New York, Brooklyn, Long Island, Westchester and North Jersey stormed LaGuardia Field on Saturday, November 18, to send off Kenn and Jane Clark, of High School Evangelism Fellowship, on the first leg of their journey to Japan, where they will undertake to establish a Christian witness in Japan's high schools similar to that of the Hi-B. C. Clubs which operate under the supervision of the Fellowship here in the United States.

HE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

y CHARLES F. BROBST

E PURPOSE

his column is to encourage and ulate brotherhoods into action. ch that is unable to be accomplish- by men individually can be done ether. The value of organization xpressed by the Negro who, when cked by a nest of hornets, shout- "One at a time and I will lick all!" In united effort there is ngth.

Organized effort in the church is uable and necessary. Our Lord led 12 disciples to serve him. He blished the Church. Without com- ed action by the followers of ist many of the accomplishments the church would be unknown. No can successfully belittle the good t has been done by the Church's ted action.

SIRABLE AS

up activity is, united action is im- ssible without individual partici- ion. The mighty ocean is made up small drops of water. Without the le grains of sand there could be sandy beach. Dollars are made up cents. The purchase of an auto- bile with all power and usefulness made possible only by assembling usands of single dollars. Those in- idual dollars are a mighty force in world today when they are coop- ative and combine their strength. Our brotherhoods are lifeless with- t the efforts of individual men. ery man can contribute something. It may be nothing more than his presence at the regular meeting. To say, "I will not be missed if I do not attend tonight," is untrue. Each man present silently says to the officers, "I'm with and for you." It gives untold encouragement. Only those who have had places of responsibility in any organization know what it means to have the support of individual members.

If the Brotherhood is to fulfill its mission in the Kingdom it must have the help of the individual men in the congregation. If the world is ever conquered by Christ, it will be by each one doing his own part.

PERHAPS YOU

read the story of the church that was lighted only by the little light each worshipper brought. The more persons present with their lamps the more light in the church. Each person knew that his absence meant less light.

You carry a light. Take it where it counts most. Dedicate it to the Master, bring it to the Church, to the Brotherhood. Let it shine as your contribution. If your light is not used it will be so much darker, not only in the Brotherhood and Church but in the world.

No man is ever as small as when he is separated from a group that needs him, and none is ever as great as the one who loses himself in supporting a great task.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

By EARL S. RUDISILL

CHRISTMAS — SMUG OR BROAD-VISIONED

CHRISTMAS can be selfish. But that is a contradiction in terms. Christmas, by nature, is generous, loving, self-denying. Christmas took over the date of the old Roman Saturnalia, for no one knows the real date of Jesus' birth. For years our Christmas celebration has been heading strongly toward more and more of a Saturnalia instead of recognition of a "Christ-sending."

Are Folk Celebrations Christian?

SANTA CLAUS, an American corruption of St. Nicholas, is a combination of Christian and pagan elements. Gift-giving at Christmas originated in the Roman Saturnalia. Depending upon how gifts are given, the practice may be Christian or something less. It is now commercialized to an outlandish extent. Much giving and receiving are marked by a sense of smug well-being or condescension.

Popular songs, theatrical performances, and movies are today sufficient to divert all thought of the infant Christ to the periphery of human interests—for children and grownups. "Rudolph" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," plus "The Night Before Christmas," have pushed aside sacred Christmas hymns. Homes, trees, and hedges are strung with colored lights by people who don't even profess Christianity. There is lavish spending, sometimes with a view to outdoing someone else, until ma people are trapped in a system fr which they cannot escape even if t want to.

How much of this self-indulg hullabaloo is Christian? How much it has a spiritual motivation? Th it over.

Christmas is Broad-Visioned

CHRIST'S COMING envisio man's need and God's gift of l We of the Christian church should satisfied with nothing less. The c tral elements in Christmas should recognition of our need, gratitude God's gift, and adoration of Chr The significance of Christ's com is so great that man would have be callous indeed not to give his vent serious attention. Man's respo ought to take the form of gladne worship, hymns of joys, greetin good will to all, and glory to God

Recognition of the Christmas mea ing involves an interest in the welfa of people all over the world. It oug to express itself in evangelism on wide front, work toward a peace world, effective Christian preachi and teaching, Christian ministratio of all kinds that meet human nee and acceptance of Christ's directi of our lives. Christmas is time for dedication of our lives to Christ a enlarged service to his needy ch dren.

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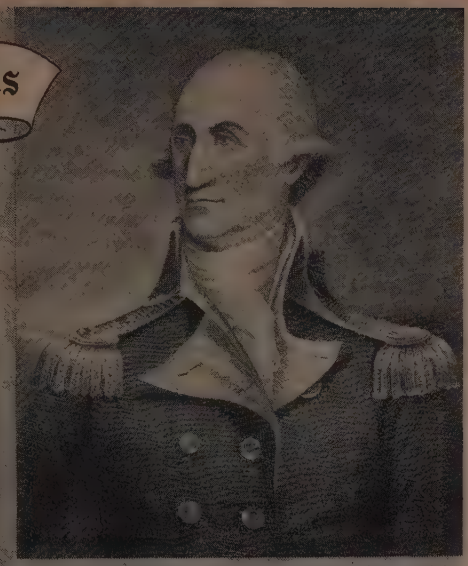

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Born the son of the illustrious Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg, founder of the Lutheran Church in America, Peter was destined to overshadow his father's fame. A great supporter of American independence, he did everything possible to widen the breach between the colonies and the king. With hostilities about to break out, he summoned his congregation for his last sermon. Reaching the climax of his speech, he shouted—"There is a time for all things. A time to preach and a time to fight. And now is the time to fight!" With those now immortal words, he cast aside his clerical robes revealing his uniform as an officer in the Revolutionary Army. Peter went on to win glory as a Major General. He was elected to the first, third and sixth Congresses and later served in the Senate. His statue stands in the famous Statuary Hall at the nation's capital.

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Winning and Bringing Others

By R. D. LECHLEITNER

How the Brotherhood can become an evangelistic agency

HAVE YOU EVER reflected up how much God trusts you? He s his only-begotten Son into the wo to save men. Calvary is the price G paid that men might be saved. A now he has entrusted to us mor the task of making that salvat known to all the world. "Go ye i all the world and make disciples" not only a command; it is also evidence of the confidence and tr which God has reposed in us. Humb ly speaking the sacrifice of Chr was in vain unless we who are Chris followers "win and bring others."

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Aims: 1. To guide members of the Brotherhood in compiling a list of the lapsed members of the Brotherhood and the congregation.

2. To guide members of the Brotherhood in compiling a list of the unchurched people of the community.

3. To give practical suggestions concerni procedures which may be followed in en ing these people in the Brotherhood and the congregation.

4. To set in operation a practical and th oughly organized evangelistic effort on eit a Brotherhood-wide or a congregational-w basis.

WORSHIP

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"—No. 131 C.S.B., or No. 185 P.S.H
Scripture: Romans 1:8-17
Prayer: Collects No. 52 and No. 54 C.S.B
Special Music
Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"—No. 235 C.S.B., or No. 169 P.S.H
Topic
Hymn: "Thou, Whose Almighty Word"— No. 217 C.S.B., or No. 162 P.S.H
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

What Have We to Offer?

ARE WE READY to serve our fellowmen? Are we prepared to "bring them in" and to help "build them up in Christian faith and life"? Can we give an articulate reason why another man should join the Brotherhood or the Church? Can we extend an invitation that is radiant with interest and warm personal enthusiasm?

Brotherhoods exist for a very serious purpose. Fellowship, dart-ball dinners, bowling, luncheons — all these may have a place in the Brotherhood program. But they are not the primary reason for the existence of Brotherhoods. In our Brotherhoods men must find Jesus. Those who come to Brotherhood meetings must find a power that lifts them up. A Brotherhood that does not constantly strive to help its members grow in Christian faith and life—to grow into a full church membership—is a withered branch, regardless of its size or its seeming importance.

Finding Men

IF WE ARE to "win and bring" those who are outside the church, then we must first of all find them. There are really two groups of lost men. One group is composed of those who were members of the church but have wandered away. The other group is composed of those who were never members of any church. How can these people be found?

The best and most thorough way is to conduct a community religious census. Every person living in the community can be catalogued as to religious background and present attitude. This takes work, hard work, but it provides the information necessary if we are to "win and bring others."

Another way to find prospects is to study the records of the official acts of the church—baptisms, marriages, funerals—to discover the names of people who have been served by the church but who are not members. The visitors' register, or the occasional registration of everyone who is present at a church service, will reveal some new names. "The block-watcher" method, in which people report the names and addresses of all new residents in their neighborhood, is a real asset.

Business and social contacts often provide a rich source of names of prospective members. Some municipalities provide all pastors with a list of names of new users of utilities at the end of each week. The pastor will gladly share this information with the Brotherhood. Some cities provide a list of the new homes being erected, which enables church calls at the homes. For a congregation to depend solely upon the pastor to carry on the program of evanglism is almost suicidal. Every Brotherhood man should be a soul winner, for our First Objective is to win and bring others.

Still another source of prospects is found among the parents of Sunday-school pupils. This missionary opportunity has been so greatly neglected in many of our congregations that it is safe to say that in

almost every Sunday school there are children whose parents have never been called upon and who have never been intelligently approached with a real reason for attending the church and Sunday School which serves their children.

A splendid source of prospects for the Brotherhood will be found in the membership rolls of the congregation. Every man of the congregation who is not a member of the Brotherhood should be listed as a prospective member, and systematic and persistent efforts should be made to enlist his interest and his co-operation. The membership lists of the congregation should also be examined to discover lapsed members of the congregation —those whose names are still carried on the rolls, but who do not commune or attend services. Reclaiming lapsed members is as important as winning new ones.

Bringing Men to Christ

THIS WHOLE PROGRAM of "winning and bringing others" must be on a high spiritual plane. Our Brotherhood is to be an evangelistic agency—that is, an agency that will make the evangel, the Gospel, effective in the lives of men. We are not seeking to have people join a social club or come to a series of luncheon meetings. There may be plenty of social functions, and an abundance of luncheons, but our primary purpose in the Brotherhood is to *lead men to Christ.* This thought will require a complete reorientation on the part of many so-called Brotherhoods. But only as we grasp the truth that ours is serious business, that we are an integral part of Chr kingdom, that our task is to lead m to Christ—only as we grasp th truths will we challenge the best men and enlist them in the Broth hood program.

One of the best ways to bring m to Christ is to call at their homes. making these calls it is well to go by two. The Commission on Eva gelism (327 S. La Salle St., Chica 4, Illinois) has provided a laym manual, *Approved Unto God.* In t manual specific directions and he ful suggestions are given. All Broth hood men, and particularly Broth hood committees in charge of eva gelism, should study this booklet.

The calls should be systema thorough, and enthusiastic. Th should be followed up by sincere tention and interest in each individu so that he may mature into the Chr tian fellowship that is desired. To a complish this it is important to ta the steps outlined by the Luther Commission on Evangelism in the fo lowing quotation:

"A Commissioning service for th Visitors who have been chosen an trained for their tasks will add mea ing to the work of the Visitors, and will usually increase their consecr tion. (A suggested service is found the pastor's manual.)

"The actual Visitation begins Monday evening in the followi manner:

"A. Visitors meet for supper at si o'clock. Members of the congregatio or auxiliaries not acting as visito

ould be responsible for serving the al promptly.

"B. Pastor or lay chairman distri- tes assignment envelopes not later an 6:40.

"C. Last-minute instructions are ven by the pastor.

"D. An inspirational talk, not ex- eding five minutes, is given by the stor, followed by silent prayer and nediction.

"E. Adjournment at 6:55—the itation begins.

"F. Visitors report each night.

"1. Pastor or chairman of the com- ssion on evangelism is at the urch by 9 p.m. to receive reports.

"2. Visitors return to make reports er completing calls.

"3. Light refreshments may be ved.

"4. After reports are made the itors are encouraged to enjoy re- shments and fellowships and to re- w informally the experiences of e evening.

"A similar procedure is to be fol- ved on successive evenings until e visitation is completed."

After the Visitation

s been completed, earnest efforts uld be made both in the congrega- n and in the Brotherhood to build new and reclaimed members in ristian faith and life. Definite in- uction should be provided. Brother- od meetings should cultivate, con- ve, and develop all members in the l program of the church. If a mo- n picture is shown, such as *Like a ghty Army*, it should not be a re program of entertainment but a guide showing how we may more fully carry out the Great Commission. An address by a local judge or a police captain should never be "just a program," but should provide the basis of a discussion on the ever-spreading influence of the kingdom of Christ.

As this new attitude toward the program of the Brotherhood takes hold of an increasing number of men the work of the Brotherhood will be revolutionized. Evangelize, educate, and energize—that is only another way of saying "call, gather, enlighten, sanctify." In this program men become the instruments of the Holy Spirit, and soon their lives manifest the presence of God in every act of daily living.

Suggestions for Action

1. Arrange to devote fifteen minutes of every Brotherhood meeting for the next six months to a study of some part of the book *You Shall Be My Witness*, by Avery and Lesher. Appoint definite leaders for each month.

2. Twice each year conduct a visitation evangelism program, devoting one week to it each time. If possible do this in co-operation with other groups in the congregation.

3. Appoint a committee to make calls on members one evening each month throughout the year. Enlist as many Brotherhood men as possible for this work. Make definite assignments. Systematize the work.

4. At each meeting call for reports on assigned calls as a part of the business meeting.

5. Post an honor roll of members who gained new members for the church and the Brotherhood.

6. If an outside speaker is invited to a meeting, plan an analysis of his talk by a member of the Brotherhood, with special emphasis on how this information fits into the congregation's kingdom-building program.

7. Make a careful check of church attendance each Sunday for a three-month period and note the names of absentees. Appoint committees to call on absentees and determine why they were absent. Overcome the cause for absence wherever possible. (It may be lack of transportation; it may be that someone was offended; it may be that some phase of the program of the church was misunderstood; it may be due to a lack of fellowship; it may be timidity on the part of the person remaining away; or it may be rebellion against God.) In each instance the call and the effort made to cope with the problem will redound to the glory of God.

Topics for Discussion

1. What methods can we employ to discover prospects for the congregation and the Brotherhood?

2. How can we arrange for a religious census in our community?

3. What steps can we take to arrange a real evangelistic (enlistment) program in our congregation or Brotherhood?

4. What can we do to improve our Brotherhood programs so that they will serve as a true means of building up Christian faith and life?

5. Send official delegates to c ssful congregations and Brotl hoods and have them come back report what makes the programs cessful in the visited congregati and Brotherhoods.

Unto Christian Growth

Assignments for the February Mee

Every Christian is eager to g and to experience greater po peace, and joy. In preparation the February topic on spiri growth it would be well to carry the following assignments:

1. Appoint one or two men to thought in advance to the follow questions and be prepared to sp very briefly on them:

a. What are some of the th that hinder spiritual growth today

b. Why is there a special need spiritually strong men today?

c. What are some of the th that help us grow as Christians?

d. What can our Brotherhood to promote greater spiritual gro among its members?

2. Arrange to have members of Brotherhood keep a record of t daily Bible reading for a month. them estimate the relationship twe:n their spiritual growth and time they spend each day in E reading and prayer.

3. Ask members of the Brotherh to read prayerfully and unde significant passages in the follow Luke 8:1-15; Psalm 51; Romans Colossians 3; John 15: First Ep of John; Psalm 119.

4. Arrange to project at the Fe ary meeting the filmstrip with so

vard Bold Endeavor, which deals h the subject of daily Bible read- . It may be ordered from your blication house or from E. L. C. ns, 322 S. Fourth St., Minneapolis, n.

. Pray much for this coming pro- m of your Brotherhood, that God y use it to bring spiritual enrich- nt to all the men of your Brother- d.

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Winberg-Wittenberg

NBERG CHAI

Formosa hopped 8,000 miles to r Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. He had a good reason for traveling ar to go to college—Dr. Henry J. old, president of Hartwick.

he story starts back in the '30s n Ruth Tsao was a graduate lent at Wittenberg College, Spring- d, Ohio, and Dr. Arnold was in rge of the graduate program of institution. Miss Tsao took a ter's degree in education in 1929, in 1930 she married Dr. Chu i, who had studied at Stanford versity, Chicago University, and taken a JD degree at Northwest- Law School.

heir first son born in Shanghai named in honor of Wittenberg lege, and the name somehow turn- out to be Winberg.

The parents became deans at National Central University at Nanking, which has an enrollment of 10,000. They fled in January, 1949, when the Chinese Communist army moved in, and stayed in Shanghai four months before taking refuge in Formosa.

The Chais wanted Winberg to go to a Lutheran college, and Dr. Arnold made that possible. Winberg will stay at Hartwick for four years, majoring in political science. He plans to teach later in China.

Life at Hartwick

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said officer shall fail to attend the executive meetings or submit a reasonable excuse for his absence, such as serious illness and the like, for two successive meetings, after he has been notified of the pending action by registered mail, and that the executive committee be then empowered to elect another person to fill the position thus vacated until the next biennial convention.

(This recommendation was referred to a special committee to study and report at the next Brotherhood convention. No action was taken on the president's resolution on a life membership program, as the convention had earlier approved such a plan.)

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APPRECIATION

A check of $707.94 was received on October 31 from Brother Guy M. Beaver, treasurer of the North Carolina synodical Brotherhood.

This remittance represents contributions received from the North Carolina congregational brotherhoods for the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood deficit fund.

The U. L. C. A. Botherhood officers and executive committee extend their heartfelt thanks to the North Carolina brethren for this further evidence of their loyalty and devotion to the national Brotherhood organization.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

God's Christmas Garden

AS FAR AS the eye can see, with or without the aid of a telescope, the greater part of the universe is dark and cold. There is infinitely more so-called empty space than matter outside the earth's atmosphere, and this space is unfriendly.

Should you travel steadily at 200 miles an hour, it would require seven weeks to reach the moon, 14 years to reach Venus, 53 years to reach the sun, 2114 years to reach Pluto, and 12,000,000 years to reach the nearest star.

How earthbound we are. We can travel only a comparatively few miles upward, and no more. How insignificant the mass of all humanity! All human beings on earth today could be buried in a hole measuring less than a cubic mile!

Yet this earth is God's garden spot of the universe, the place where there is just enough warmth and light for humanity to blossom. On this little speck of earth, sheltered from the freezing cold and dark of empty space, Christmas comes in the dead of winter, when nights are long and cold.

Of all places in the universe, this is the spot God chose to live a hum life. Here among men, whom created in his own image, God ch to tabernacle with us. Here the s was planted, the eternal deed of incarnation. God made the garden our world. It is God's world, not o to make; our frail powers are weak. We can only accept what has done.

Christmas gives dignity to hu life. It is the promise that God d not leave us to an unfriendly u abandon us to the whims of unth ing matter. Christmas means that is significant in this vast unive One single thought of the hum brain is a more profound mir than the fact that it requires li four years to travel to us from nearest star.

Christmas means that "not might, nor by power," but by Spirit are God's mighty works acc plished. "God hath chosen the w things of the world to confound things which are mighty." The Ba in a manger is the hope of the wo The intangible quality of good will human hearts is basic to the promi Christmas peace on earth.

Rejoice in the fact that this e is God's Christmas garden.

ON JESUS' KNEE

A YOUNG GIRL was reading a Sunday-school leaflet to her 7-year-old brother, in which was described the incident of Jesus' receiving little children. The lesson contained this question: "What would you do if you could sit on Jesus' knee?"

The lad answered: "I'd kiss him."

—Joseph B. Moh

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hen a minister receives a call to her parish, he is fortunate if his church owns and keeps in repair lace for him to live in. He is ed the anxiety and, perhaps, the ncial embarrassment of renting or ing a house every time he changes orates. In these days when houses scarce, he does not have to wait ths for a place to live, and then ibly settle down in an unfavor- location.

owever, it is not always to a gyman's advantage if a church iders his free use of a parsonage art of his income. To be sure, the of a parsonage means money d, but it is not money that can nvested for the future.

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oday, when most families are ually required to buy their homes, ng them off on a long-term basis, investing in real estate, the or who lives in a parsonage does have this opportunity if his salary adequate. When the time comes him to retire, he has no place to if he has not been able to lay e enough to buy a home, or if he ives insufficient pensions to rent

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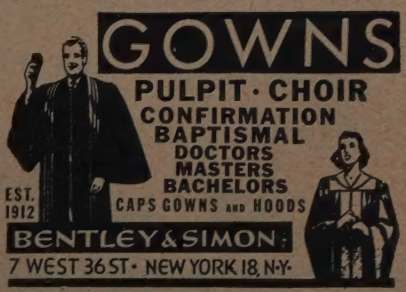

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